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To the South Pender Island Trustees:

I am not in favor of rescinding Bylaw 122. A long and thorough community process was utilized to pass this bylaw and I feel that it fairly balances the community's commitment to "preserving and protecting" our island ecosystem while being respectful of property rights.

I find it unacceptable that the two new trustees initiated procedures to rescind Bylaw 122 at the June 3, 2023 without any prior warning to the electorate and the initiative not being presented on the meeting agenda. This kind of action does not show respect for due process or for the community at large.

I also do not support the discontinuation of Bylaw 123 supporting reconciliation with our First Nations neighbors. I feel it is the duty of all Canadian communities to engage in reconciliation in light of the great harm that has been to First Nations people by colonization.

Sincerely,
Patrick Smith (via e-mail)